

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

Cumulative Attendance					
1/2021 through 12/2021					
	Members	Appt by	Attendance	Present	Absent
1	Elizabeth Adler, Chair	M	A	10	2
2	Douglas Meade, Vice Chair	I	P	10	2
3	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
4	Kelly Charles	IV	P	11	1
5	David Blattner	I	P	4	0
6	Owen Cylke	C	A	8	4
7	Whitney Dutton	IV	A	8	4
8	Carolann Mazza (at 6:12 p.m.)	III	P	11	1
9	Vacant Position	II	-	-	-
10	Carol Tamburly	III	A	10	2
11	Vacant Position	M	-	-	-

**Staff Present**

Public Works Department

Jason Bocchinfuso, Sustainability Administrator, Staff Liaison

Glen Hadwen, Sustainability Manager

Carla Blair, Prototype, Inc.

**Guests Present**

Jim Hetzel, Development Services Department

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Meade at 6:08 p.m. The roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was not present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Item deferred to January 2022 meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Staff Liaison Report**

Tree Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Hadwen explained the Tree Preservation Ordinance had gone before the Planning and Zoning Board at their December meeting and was recommended for approval by the City Commission. He noted the Sustainability Advisory Board's previously written communication would be presented to Commission at the same meeting.

Climate Leadership Summit

Mr. Hadwen updated on the Climate Leadership Summit, which was a two (2) day event held virtually in Palm Beach.

Net-Zero Resolution

Mr. Hadwen stated the Net-Zero Resolution would be before the Commission the following day, setting a Net-Zero carbon goal City-wide by 2050. He further explained the goals included within the resolution.

#### Renewable Installations Study

Mr. Hadwen explained Mr. Bocchinfuso had recently completed a study of installed solar City-wide based on the permit records back to 2000. Mr. Bocchinfuso shared the analysis. He stated the information was broken down by energy use type and noted solar had increased in popularity over time, and battery storage had recently begun to grow.

Vice Chair Meade asked if the data included the difference between those using solar to power their homes and those charging a car. Mr. Bocchinfuso responded that they did not. He stated he had investigated vehicle charging permits, but the information was less granular.

Mr. Bocchinfuso continued his review of the data gathered, including a map showing change over time. He noted Melrose Park has a significant lead in terms of adoption of solar. Board members asked questions and Mr. Bocchinfuso responded in turn.

*Carolann Mazza arrived at 6:12 p.m. The Board still lacked quorum.*

#### Presentations

##### Mixed Use Ordinance

Jim Hetzel, Principal Planner, Development Services Department, presented regarding a planning initiative for sustainable growth and mixed-use development. He explained the concept of flexible units and their history and discussed mixed use criteria. He stated the City had committed to creating Mixed Use Zoning Districts when adopting the policy in 2018 and outlined the form-based Code contemplated in the process to create that policy and the applicable supporting analysis document. Continuing, he reviewed sustainability items identified and invited suggestions from the Board regarding issues to consider in creating the criteria. He discussed public outreach and adoption.

A question-and-answer segment ensued.

***Presentation is attached.***

#### New Business

##### Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Item deferred to January 2022 meeting due to lack of quorum.

##### Recognition of Board Member Service

Mr. Hadwen stated Chair Adler had been on the Board for six (6) years and is required to roll off. He noted Mr. Cylke had resigned, and discussion ensued regarding the status of remaining Board members. He stated he would bring a list to the next meeting.

#### Old Business

##### Insurance Rates and Climate Change Workshop

Mr. Hadwen explained the Commission wants to hold a workshop with the Board on March 15 at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the issue. He stated he had done some research on potential local speakers, and noted

potentials included John Rollins, Katherine Mach, Alec Bogdanoff, and Jay Neal. Discussion ensued regarding the potential speakers identified and the benefits of in-person over virtual.

Mr. Hadwen stated he would invite speakers to make presentations in January. Discussion continued as to the objectives of the presentation and workshop.

#### Water Conservation/AMI

Mr. Hadwen expanded on his previous presentation on AMI, noting water conservation was not the primary reason for the update by water utilities. He discussed ongoing maintenance and replacement, and stated the utility is interested in moving away from technology known to deteriorate in accuracy over time due to moving parts.

Vice Chair Meade commented on billing and loss related to the update and questioned the value of the expense contemplated. Mr. Hadwen responded, and discussion continued on infrastructure updates.

#### Docked Watercraft and Pollution

Mr. Hadwen followed up on the issue of docked watercraft and pollution brought up at the November meeting. He stated he followed up regarding the concerns. He read an email regarding gray and blackwater discharge concerns and the availability of pump out services and noted there is a recent two (2) page City update on progress in the area of water quality which he would share with the Board. Mr. Hadwen noted the applicable State laws and City Code. He stated he had also asked about other pollution concerns which come with an increase in boat traffic and shared the feedback he had received from the Environmental Group.

Ms. Mazza inquired regarding enforcement and shared concerns regarding a particular boat in the canal. Discussion continued as to enforcement of regulations, Code compliance, and environmental impacts of poorly maintained boats on the waterways. Mr. Hadwen stated he would follow up with Code Enforcement and noted the Marine Industries Association might have additional legislation information.

#### Proposed Communication

None.

#### Comments

None.

#### Items for Next Meeting

##### Presentations

- Speaker regarding insurance rates and climate change (potentially two speakers)
- Local expert on termites

##### Old Business

- Elections for Chair and Vice Chair
- Discuss joint workshop
- Information from Code Enforcement regarding docked watercraft

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Meade and seconded by Ms. Mazza to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.